

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 20**  
**INCIDENT NO. 99-009**  
**DATE: June 11, 1999      TIME: 1:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring flooding – Above normal soil moisture content throughout North Dakota, compounded by seven years of flooding and additional precipitation, has resulted in overland, river and flash flooding and ground movement (landslides and mudslides). Excessive high winds associated with storm and tornado activity have contributed to ongoing problems faced by North Dakotans.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: In the city of Minnewaukan, ground water is infiltrating the city sewer system, resulting in discharges three times the amount of water treated at the wellhouse. City officials anticipate trouble in surface drainage as Devils Lake floods the city drainfield.

Devils Lake at Creel Bay measured 1,447.12 feet on June 11.

The McLean County U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) emergency board has reported a total of 131,727 acres of farmland were affected by a June 6 storm. Runoff and debris downed fences and flooded basements, and producers have indicated to the board that it is likely no further planting will take place.

The Griggs County USDA emergency board reports yield losses averaged 10 percent for 47,125 acres of wheat, barley, sunflower and alfalfa as a result of storms in early June.

The Steele County USDA board places yield losses at 5 percent for the 52,400 acres of wheat, barley, sunflower and dry beans that were affected by a June 3 storm.

4. RESOURCES:  
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.  
STATE: No change from previous reports.  
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: The Pembina County Amateur Radio Club helped with weather-spotting efforts during recent storms. Members of the Hutterite community are assisting with cleanup of a farmstead and surrounding area, which were damaged during the June 6 tornado.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Public Assistance Applicant Briefings to explain the details for

the Public Assistance Program for FEMA-1279 will be held June 16 to June

7. 21. These meetings will assist: tribal, city and county governments; water boards; park boards; rural water systems; schools and private non-profit organizations that provide essential services. The schedule for meetings is as follows:

**Three Affiliated Tribes and Williams, Burke, Renville, Mountrail, Bottineau and Ward Counties:**

Wednesday, June 16, 1999 - 9:00 a.m.  
Ward County Courthouse  
Ex-Servicemen Room  
315 SE 3rd  
Minot

**Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Spirit Lake Tribe and McHenry, Rolette, Pierce, Towner, Ramsey and Benson Counties:**

Wednesday, June 16, 1999 - 2:00 p.m.  
Memorial Hall  
Corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE  
Rugby

**Wells, Foster, Stutsman, Barnes and Griggs Counties:**

Thursday, June 17, 1999 - 8:30 a.m.  
Law Enforcement Center  
Lower Level Meeting Room  
205 6<sup>th</sup> St SE  
Jamestown

**Cass, LaMoure, Dickey, Ransom, Sargent and Richland Counties:**

Thursday, June 17, 1999 at 2:00 p.m.  
Eagles Club  
About a mile north of Lisbon on Highway 32  
Lisbon

**Pembina, Walsh, Nelson, Grand Forks, Steele, and Traill Counties:**

Friday, June 18, 1999 - 9:00 a.m.  
Civic Auditorium  
615 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N  
Grand Forks

**Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and McLean, Sheridan, Kidder, Logan, McIntosh, Emmons, Sioux and Burleigh Counties:**

Monday, June 21, 1999 - 10:00 am  
Raymond J. Bohn Armory  
4200 East Divide (East of the Oasis Truck Stop)  
Bismarck

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has established a toll-free registration number (800) 462-9029 for loss reporting for business owners and residents living in the 34 counties and three Indian reservations included in the major presidential disaster declaration that North Dakota received on June 8. The toll-free number for hearing- and speech-impaired people is (800) 462-7585. The

incident period for FEMA-1279-DR-ND is March 1 and continuing.

The Farm Service Agency's State Emergency Board, concerned about excess moisture this spring and late planting throughout the state, has requested that each County Emergency Board conduct a preliminary estimate to determine the amount of acreage that cannot be planted in 1999 because of disastrous conditions.

North Dakota Emergency Management has issued a media release to discourage storm chasing that has taken place during recent severe weather. The public has been encouraged to seek shelter and has been asked to leave weather spotting to trained personnel and law enforcement officials.

Pembina County officials have designated a volunteer coordinator to direct distribution of items donated to tornado victims in Mountain, ND. Public works crews are expected to complete cleanup efforts on June 9; traffic within the city will resume.

The Williams County Commission and the Rock Lake City Commission in Towner County have issued disaster declarations for damages resulting from spring runoff and heavy rainfall. The city of Kief in McHenry County has issued an emergency declaration. A total of 36 counties, 27 cities and four Indian reservations have issued flood or storm emergency or disaster declarations.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: Assistance has been provided, as reported.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), American Red Cross, consulting engineers, N.D. Department of Transportation (DOT) staff and members of the N.D. Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).
9. OTHER: Situation Reports published by the N.D. Division of Emergency Management are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is: <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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